

## **MINUTES**

### **HEALTHIER MONTANA TASK FORCE MEETING**

Great Northern Hotel  
835 No. Great Blvd. Helena, Montana  
March 4, 2014  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Lucy K. Ednie, Montana Nurses Association  
Caitlin Hall, Indian Health Service/Crow Service Unit  
Roman Hendrickson, Ruby Valley Medical Clinic  
Bob Marsalli, Primary Care Association  
Lenore Myers, Rocky Boy's Reservation, Chippewa and Cree Tribes  
Melanie Reynolds, Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department  
Jane Smilie, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Clay Vincent, Hill County Sanitarian  
Tony Ward, University of Montana, Center for Environmental Health Services  
Lora Wier, Teton County Health Department

#### **Members Excused:**

Karin Billings, Office of Public Instruction  
Velva Doore, Fort Belknap Tribal Health Department  
Stanlee Dull, Consumer  
Kristin Juliar, Area Health Education Center and Office of Rural Health  
Scott Malloy, Gallatin Mental Health Center  
Tara Veazey, Governor's Office

#### **Staff and Visitors Present:**

Carol Ballew, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Natalie Claiborne, Montana Office of Rural Health  
Lindsey Krywaruchka, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Erin McGowan Fincham Association of Montana Public Health Officials  
Todd Harwell, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Steven Helgersen, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Denise Higgins, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Tia Hunter, DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Deb Matteucci, DPHHS, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division  
Kris Minard, Office of Public Instruction  
Jim Murphy DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division  
Randall Nett, DPPHS  
Kerry Pride, DPHHS  
Karl Rosston, DPHHS, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division  
Vicki Turner, DPHHS, Prevention Resource Center

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Jane Smilie welcomed task force members, staff, and visitors  
Task force members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves

## **Overview**

Jane Smilie explained that she and Lindsey Krywaruchka recently sent out a survey and spoke with each task force member. The desired outcomes of this meeting are to define the role of the task force and outline what our next steps should be.

Jane Smilie shared copies of State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) press releases and a crosswalk document. The crosswalk document shows the work that is happening in the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and how that work links to the SHIP. It shows the activities where DPHHS is the lead. Director Richard Oppen also created a YouTube video that demonstrates how DPHHS is translating the SHIP into our working setting.

## **State Health Improvement Plan Website Tour and Discussion**

Lindsey Krywaruchka gave a tour of the new SHIP website ([ahealthiermontana.mt.gov](http://ahealthiermontana.mt.gov))

## **Task Force Discussion – Next Steps**

Where do we go from here? How do we take the plan and make improvements? We created a summary of the survey. From the survey we learned that everyone has great connections and good suggestions for other partners. What can we do to support you? There is a lot of work being done. How can we collaborate and not duplicate?

After the survey and phone calls we heard you say that we need to prioritize, strike a balance between the unattainable and something meaningful, grab low hanging fruit, and keep all areas of expertise involved.

## **Lunch Break**

## **Task Force Discussion - Community/Regional Meetings**

We spoke to each of you about community/regional meetings and how to involve people and engage them at a community/regional level.

## **Public Comment**

Erin McGowan Fincham, Smith and McGowan Inc., spoke about upcoming conventions and the resources they can offer.

## **Announcements**

There will be a conference call between now and the next Healthier Montana Task Force meeting. We will be in touch about the date and time.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

## **Next Meeting**

June 10, 2014 - TBA